PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date

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In re the Application of

Yoshiya TOMATSU

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Examiner:

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For:

THERMAL FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH A THERMAL FIXING DEVICE THAT INCLUDES A FIXING MEMBER, A FIRST PRESSING MEMBER

AND A SECOND PRESSING MEMBER (AS AMENDED)

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LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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